

Abstract

The present invention plays rich media presentations included in an email, banner ad, and web page. Rich media presentations may be automatically played within an email, banner ad, and web page. When a video banner (Vbanner), video email (Vmail), or video page (Vpage) is included in a requested page, the requesting device receives the necessary rich media presentations, including a virtual player, presentation packages, and media packages, necessary to play the presentation. When the banner ad is downloaded, the rich media presentation begins to automatically play within the page on supported devices. Many options may be set controlling the operation of the Vbanner, Vmail and Vpage. A virtual player is created that includes code to play media files. A presentation package is created that sets the presentation attributes for the multimedia experience. A media package is created that instructs the virtual player what multimedia content to play.

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